

■ What's our common mission?

Accelerate 465 is an Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) highway reconstruction project that will reconstruct eleven miles of Interstate 465 from just south of the I-70/I-465 interchange to just south of the 56th Street interchange. The goals of this project are to expand capacity, improve motorist safety, and upgrade geometrics (road design) to current standards.

Throughout the design process, it has been a mission of the Accelerate I-465 project to create sustainable infrastructure solutions that are functionally and aesthetically sound. A project of this magnitude has a physical and social benefit to the community by addressing transportation needs thru creative physical design.

The end result creates a unique look and feel to the corridor, that:

- safely and efficiently addresses pressing transportation issues and concerns,
- elevates design of the "transportation architecture",
- provides for connectivity between neighborhoods,
- creates physical gateway statements to our community and
- aids in the beautification of our urban environment.

■ Why are partnerships important?



PARTNERSHIPS (part'ner*ship'), n. The relationship between two or more people or organizations involved with a similar desired outcome working together on a common mission.

If there is some mutual benefit to identifying any long-term partnerships that aid in the various goals and missions of other respective groups, we should proactively explore these opportunities for the benefit of our community.

What are you doing now as a group, individual, organization or other interested party that could benefit from a long-term partnership with this project?



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■ What are potential avenues?

- Volunteer time
- Volunteer resources
- Adopt-a-Median along Pedestrian Promenade
- Neighborhood clean-up days on Promenade
- Art programs
- "Support a gateway" program
- "Support a trail" program
- Donation of materials (bulbs have been recent examples)
- Donation of monetary contributions towards maintenance

This list is only the beginning of some ideas of how partnerships can be mutually beneficial. Examples from other communities include a local neighborhood groups that work on a cooperative program to plant shrubs and other ground cover along the banks an interstate. Grassroots organizations raise money and provides free labor for maintaining bike and pedestrian paths and sponsor an Arbor Day tree planting program. These groups raise money and then go out and make deals with the suppliers purchasing vegetation secures media coverage for the event, promoting the sponsors and those who donated materials to beautify their community.

Many of us already do this to some extent - working to beautify our community and neighborhoods - and the new work along I-465 should provide additional opportunity to expand our already existing strong partnerships.

■ How can you be involved?

If you would like to discuss further how you or your group, organization of special interest group can further participate as a partner we would like to follow-up with you regarding this effort. Please contact us at:

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